

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent application of:

Applicant: Stefan Vilsmeier et al.  
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Title: FIXING DEVICE  
  
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 19, 2006**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the following part(s) of this reply:

**Amendments to the Claims  
Remarks**

In the event any fee or additional fee is due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (under the above Docket Number). In the event an extension of time is needed to make the filing of this paper timely and no separate petition is attached, please consider this a petition for the requisite extension and charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (under the above Docket Number).